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China Marks Anniversary of Massive Quake

NGHAN GUAN/AP

TRAGEDY REVISITED: Visitors survey the quake-devastated town of Beichuan in China's Sichuan province on Tuesday. Ceremonies countrywide marked the one-year anniversary of the huge temblor that left 90,000 dead or missing and 5 million homeless. ❖ **Lost children:** Parents' anger persists | Page 10

Soldiers' Mental Care Studied

U.S. sergeant charged with murder of 5 comrades in Iraq

BAGHDAD | The U.S. military command launched an investigation Tuesday into whether it offers adequate mental health care to its soldiers, a day after a sergeant finishing up his third tour in Iraq allegedly shot and killed five comrades at a clinic on a U.S. base.

Sgt. John M. Russell, 44, of Sherman, Texas, was taken into custody outside a mental health clinic at Camp Liberty following Monday's shooting, and charged with five counts of murder and one of aggravated assault, Maj. Gen. David Perkins said.

The case, the deadliest of the war involving soldier-on-soldier violence, has cast a spotlight on combat stress and emotional problems resulting from frequent deployments to battle zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Up to one-fifth of the more than 1.7 million who have served in the two conflicts are believed to have symptoms of anxiety, depression and other emotional problems. Some studies show that about half of those who need help do not seek it.

Russell's father said his son, who joined the Army in 1994 after a divorce and minor scrapes with the law, felt poorly treated at the stress center.

He said he hopes "we find he snapped because of the pressure. He wasn't a mean person." ROBERT H. REID (AP)

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You Gotta Know When to Hold 'Em

An alleged shoplifter with a bottle of whiskey in his pants decided to take one more gamble before leaving a Hartford, Wis., liquor store: filling out a raffle ticket for a Slinger Speedway race. The ticket led police right to him. The 20-year-old man was charged Thursday with misdemeanor retail theft, resisting an officer and disorderly conduct. (AP)

LISTS

Thing That Will Never Happen In the U.S. No. 433

A Norwegian has been ordered to pay 700,000 kroner ($109,000) after driving his car 400 yards while drunk. He was caught in October and sentenced Tuesday. Norway sets drunken-driving fines based on income and wealth. The man's income is 751,769 kroner ($117,000) and wealth is 228 million kroner ($36.6 million). (AP)

LISA MAREE WILLIAMS/GETTY IMAGES

SKIN

Don't Be A Flayer Hater

Retired schoolteacher Geoff Ostling recently pledged to donate his skin to the National Gallery in Canberra after his death. Ostling didn't get his first tattoo until he was in his 40s; now the 65-year-old is covered in artwork by artist eX de Merci from neck to ankle with the theme "all the flowers of a Sydney garden." "People can be squeamish about [skin]," he told the Daily Telegraph newspaper. "Portraits painted on human skin hang in galleries around the world. They don't tell you that, of course." (EXPRESS)

WEATHER

"You can only do so much when there's no television, nothing open and there's nowhere to go."

— **RAKHI DIMINO**, A HOUSTON OB/GYN WHOSE BABY IS DUE IN JUNE. DOCTORS IN THE HOUSTON AREA ARE PREDICTING A BABY BOOMLET DUE TO HURRICANE IKE.

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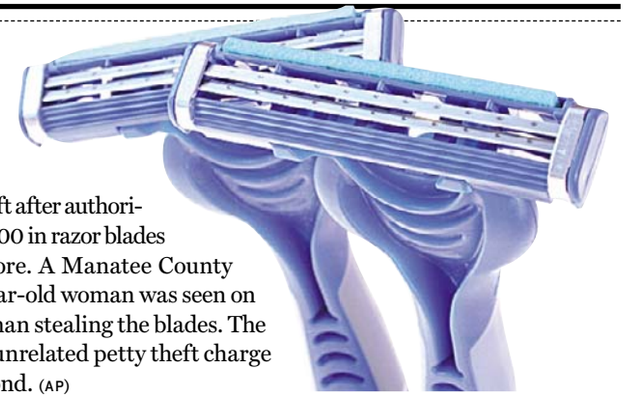
Impromptu 'Smoothest Legs' Contest Postponed



A woman was charged with grand theft after authorities said she shoplifted more than $1,000 in razor blades from a Sarasota, Fla., Wal-Mart store. A Manatee County Sheriff's Office report said the 29-year-old woman was seen on surveillance video with another woman stealing the blades. The woman was arrested Sunday on an unrelated petty theft charge and has been released on $2,000 bond. (AP)

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Pilots Fretted Before Fatal Crash

Crew discussed fear of ice after spotting it on the plane's wing

WASHINGTON | Minutes before crashing, Colgan Air pilots discussed their lack of experience flying planes under icing conditions and expressed anxiety about their training as they looked out the cockpit windows and saw ice built up on the wings.

The revelations came to light Tuesday when the National Transportation Safety Board released transcripts of the cockpit voice recorder. The board is holding three days of hearings on the Feb. 12 crash in Buffalo, which killed all 49 on board and one person on the ground.

First Officer Rebecca Shaw, speaking to Capt. Marvin Renslow, expressed wariness about the possibility of being promoted to captain without proper training.

DAVID DUPREY/AP

A plane's remains burn on Feb. 12 after it crashed into a house in Clarence Center, N.Y. The crash killed all 49 people on board and one person on the ground.

> **I just can't understand** why they wouldn't put the best in those cockpits. If their loved ones were flying on those planes, wouldn't they want the best captain they could get?
>
> —**KAREN KUWIK**, WHO WAS "LIVID" AFTER FINDING OUT THAT TESTIMONY BLAMED PILOT SHORTCOMINGS FOR THE CRASH. HER SON'S GIRLFRIEND WAS ON THE PLANE.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Scott Maurer reacts during a hearing in Washington on the crash Tuesday.

"I've never seen icing conditions," Shaw tells Renslow. "I've never deiced. I've never seen any — I've never experienced any of that."

Later, Shaw also said she wouldn't mind getting more experience flying in winter conditions before getting promoted.

"I'm thinking, 'You know what? I really wouldn't mind going through a winter in the Northeast before I have to upgrade to captain,'" she said.

Colgan Air acknowledged Monday that Renslow didn't receive hands-on training on the Dash 8's stick pusher, one of the plane's critical safety systems.

The Dash 8-Q400 Bombardier, a twin-engine turboprop that Colgan Air operated for Continental Airlines, experienced an aerodynamic stall on approach to Buffalo Niagara International Airport in New York in icy conditions.

Besides expressing a lack of experience, the Colgan Air pilots' conversation itself appeared to be a violation of federal rules that limit talk in the cockpit to operational matters, particularly during takeoffs and landings.

The NTSB board has downplayed icing, which has long been a safety problem for airplanes, as the cause of the crash. But investigators are looking closely at how the pilots reacted to the icing conditions, and whether they understood the de-icing systems on the plane and other features designed to keep the plane from stalling.

SHOLNN FREEMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

FROM THE COCKPIT | HIGHLIGHTS FROM FLIGHT 3407'S COCKPIT VOICE RECORDER ON FEB. 12

22:10:32 FIRST OFFICER REBECCA SHAW: Oh, yeah, oh, it's lots of ice.

22:10:47 CAPTAIN MARVIN RENSLOW: "Oh, yeah, that's the most I've seen, most ice I've seen on the leading edges in a long time. In a while, anyway, I should say.

22:10:57 SHAW: Flying in the Northeast, I've 1,600 hours. ... I had more actual time on my first day of IOE [initial operating experience] than I did in the 1,600 hours I had when I came here.

22:11:31 RENSLOW: But, uh, as a matter of fact, I got hired with about 625 hours here.

22:11:37 SHAW: Oh, wow.

22:11:39 SHAW: That's not much for, uh, back when you got hired.

22:12:05 SHAW: I've never seen icing conditions. I've never deiced. ... I've never experienced any of that. I don't want to have to experience that and make those kinds of calls. You know I'd've freaked out. I'd have, like, seen this much ice and thought, 'Oh, my gosh, we were going to crash.

22:13:58 RENSLOW: Oh, yeah, I'm so glad. ... I mean, I would've been ... fine. I would have survived it. ... We never had to make decisions that I wouldn't have been able to make but ... now I'm more comfortable.

22:16:31 (sound similar to increase in engine power)

22:16:34 RENSLOW: Jesus Christ.

22:16:45 SHAW: Should the gear up?

22:16:46 RENSLOW: Gear up, oh, (expletive).

22:16:50 (increase in ambient noise)

22:16:51.9 RENSLOW: We're down.

22:16:51.9 (sound of thump)

22:16:52.0 SHAW: We're (sound of scream)

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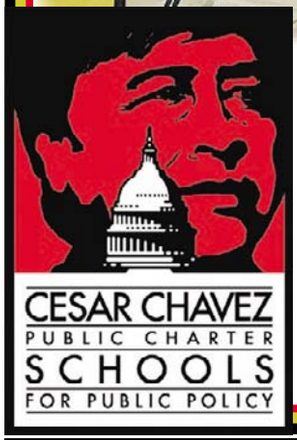

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NASA: Shuttle Nicked Up

Officials say damage to Atlantis does not appear to be serious

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | The Atlantis astronauts uncovered a 21-inch stretch of nicks on their space shuttle Tuesday, but NASA said the damage did not appear to be serious.

The damage was likely the result of debris that came off the fuel tank shortly after liftoff on Monday. The astronauts were inspecting their ship while racing to the Hubble Space Telescope when they came across the nicks spread over four to five thermal tiles, on the bottom of the shuttle where the right wing joins the fuselage.

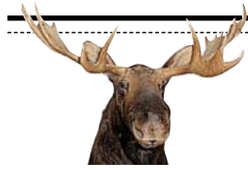
CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

The shuttle Atlantis lifts off Monday from Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"It doesn't look very serious," Mission Control said. "Those tiles are pretty thick. The nicks look to be pretty small."

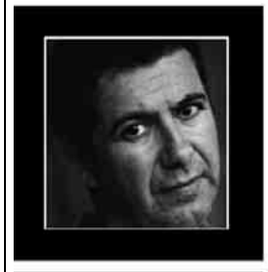
Damage to the shuttle during liftoff has been a worry for NASA since Columbia was doomed by a chunk of fuel-tank insulating foam that broke off during launch in 2003. Columbia's left wing was punctured along a vulnerable edge. The nicks on Atlantis are in a less sensitive location.

MARCIA DUNN (AP)



WILDLIFE An Unlucky Leap Police said a 500-pound moose fell 18 feet to its death in Clinton, Maine, when it apparently leaped over a guardrail on Interstate 95. Officials learned of the incident when a motorist called the town office shortly after 8 a.m. Tuesday and told assistant town clerk Shirley Bailey that "a moose just fell out of the sky." (AP)

Know Someone Who's Been Depressed in The Past?



If you or someone you know has been depressed in the past, the NIMH is looking for volunteers to help better understand the causes of depression. The research studies are conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Victim of Hit-and-Run Dies

Video of pedestrian lying in street left Conn. town in shock

HARTFORD, CONN. | A Hartford man has died a year after he was left paralyzed and mute in a hit-and-run accident that was mostly ignored by witnesses and inspired a debate about the city's morality.

Angel Arce Torres was removed from life support Monday in Hartford Hospital and died of injuries suffered in the accident, said his son, Angel Arce. He was 79.

A surveillance camera recorded the accident May 30, 2008, in a busy Hartford neighborhood about a mile from the state Capitol.

Torres was walking across Park Street when two wrong-way drivers raced into view. One zipped by Torres, while the second struck him, flipping him head over heels and leaving him twisted and motionless in the street.

Cars drove by without stopping as a crowd gathered on a sidewalk. One driver briefly stopped before pulling back into traffic; the operator of a motor scooter circled the man before taking off again.

HARTFORD POLICE DEPT./AP

This May 30, 2008, file image taken from a surveillance video shows a man lying in the street just after a car hit him. The victim, Angel Arce Torres, died on Monday.

The video touched off a round of soul-searching in Hartford, with the city's newspaper blaring "SO INHUMANE" on the front page. Police Chief Daryl Roberts lamented at the time, "We no longer have a moral compass. We have no regard for each other."

The driver was never caught.

"You know, people keep calling it an accident," Arce said. "It was not an accident. It was a crime."

"He never did talk after the accident. We had to learn how to read his lips," Arce said. "We never talked about the accident. We just spent it making him laugh and seeing him." KATIE NELSON (AP)

BOOKS Ready to Have Her Say You knew it was coming: Sarah Palin is ready to tell her side, publishing a memoir with HarperCollins that will come out in spring 2010. The Alaska governor's book will cover her personal and political lives. Financial terms were not disclosed, but Palin was widely expected to get a multimillion-dollar contract. (AP)

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Social Security, Medicare Depleted

Recession takes a toll on the fiscal health of entitlement programs

WASHINGTON | The continuing U.S. recession has worsened the financial health of the government's two biggest benefit programs, figures released Tuesday showed.

Medicare, the main medical program for the elderly and disabled, will even pay out more in benefits this year than the government collects in taxes for it.

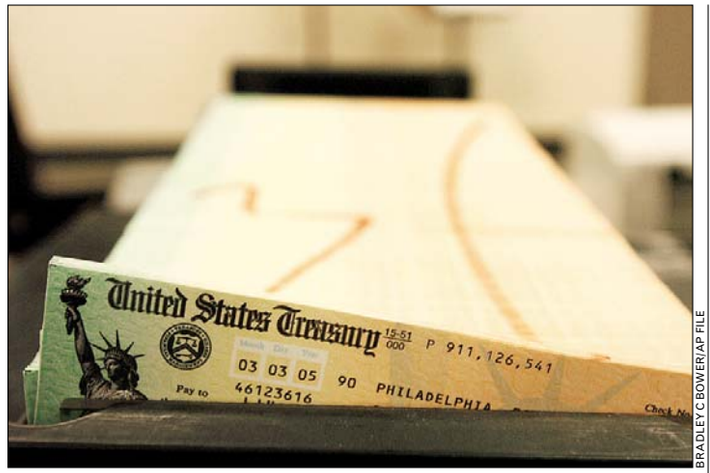
The findings released by trustees of Medicare and Social Security, the government's pension system begun during the Great Depression of the 1930s, is a blow to President Obama's plans for a major reconfiguration of the health care delivery system in the country.

Both Social Security and Medicare are financed through payroll contributions from workers and employers.

The trustees said Tuesday that Social Security will start paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes in 2016, one year sooner than projected last year. Its giant trust fund will be depleted by 2037, four years sooner than previously thought, they said.

Medicare is in even worse shape. The trustees said the program for hospital expenses will pay out more in benefits than it collects this year and will be insolvent by 2017, two years earlier than the date projected in last year's report.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, head of the trustees group, said the new reports were reminders that "the longer we wait to address the long-term solvency of Medicare and Social Security, the sooner those challenges will be upon us and the harder the options will be." MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)



BRADLEY C BOWER/AP FILE

The trustees for Social Security and Medicare unveiled their annual reports on the finances of the programs Tuesday. Both programs face long-term fiscal problems.

By the year 2037

the Social Security trust fund will become insolvent, according to the trustees' report. The program will begin paying out more money than it takes in sometime in 2016.

COLLEGE Ah, the Joys of Dorm Life Officials at Central Connecticut State University don't see the humor in this prank: burning bags of popcorn in a microwave in a crowded dorm, in the middle of the night, and tying doors shut so residents think they're trapped in a burning building. Campus police say they arrested three teenagers who purposely burned the popcorn early Monday, setting off a fire alarm in the dorm shortly after 3 a.m. No one was hurt in the incident at the New Britain campus. (AP)

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Vatican Fights Criticism of Pope

Israeli critics argue not enough remorse is shown over Holocaust

JERUSALEM | The Vatican defended the pope Tuesday from a growing chorus of Israeli critics who accused German-born Benedict XVI of failing to express enough remorse for the Holocaust — a controversy that threatened to eclipse a papal pilgrimage aimed at building bridges between faiths.

The Holocaust is just one of the many minefields Benedict is navigating as he makes his way through the Middle East. He has also moved to calm Muslim anger over his past comments, and has faced Palestinian demands that he do more to advance their cause against Israel.

On Tuesday, the pope delivered messages of peace while visiting the holiest Muslim and Jewish sites in Jerusalem — the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall.

But his speech a day earlier at Israel's national Holocaust memorial attracted the most attention in the Jewish state, with the parliament speaker accusing Benedict of glossing over the Nazi genocide.

Critics said the pope referred to the millions of victims, but would have liked for him to say the 6 million Jews. They also wanted him to mention Germans or Nazis, specifically, as opposed to his reference to the perpetrators. Newspapers lambasted him for failing to apologize for what many in Israel see as Catholic indifference during World War II, and the pope's own wartime actions — he served in the Hitler Youth corps and Nazi army — have also cast a shadow.

"The pope spoke like a historian, as somebody observing from the sidelines, about things that shouldn't happen. But what can you do? He was part of them," said parliament speaker Reuven Rivlin.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi defended Benedict, saying the pope had mentioned his German roots when visiting a synagogue in Cologne, Germany, in 2005 and at the Auschwitz death camp the next year. (AP)

PIER PAOLO CITO/AP

Pope Benedict XVI visited Israeli holy sites, including the Western Wall, on Tuesday. He is being criticized for not being more pointed in his Holocaust remarks.

POPE'S PAST RESURFACES

Pope Benedict XVI's childhood years in Nazi Germany are cause for concern in Israel:

- As a 14-year-old, Joseph Ratzinger joined the Hitler Youth, as was required of Germans in 1941.
- He deserted the German army toward the end of World War II and was briefly held as a prisoner of war by the Allies in 1945.

UWE LEIN/AP

A man believed to be John Demjanjuk is transported to the German prison.

Suspected Nazi Guard In Prison

German prosecutors move quickly in case against Ohio man

MUNICH | Sitting in a wheelchair and breathing through a nasal tube, retired autoworker John Demjanjuk listened silently Tuesday as a German judge read a 21-page warrant accusing him of acting as an accessory to the murder of 29,000 people at a Nazi death camp.

Prosecutors in Munich made clear they hope to press ahead quickly with the case against the 89-year-old, saying after the longtime Ohio resident arrived in Germany that formal charges could be filed within weeks.

Demjanjuk says he was a Red Army soldier who spent World War II as a Nazi POW and never hurt anyone.

But Nazi-era documents obtained by U.S. justice authorities and shared with German prosecutors include a photo ID identifying Demjanjuk as a guard at the Sobibor death camp and saying he was trained at an SS facility for Nazi guards at Trawniki. (AP)

Sri Lanka Blast In Crowd Near Hospital Kills 49

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | A mortar shell slammed into a crowd of wounded civilians waiting for treatment at the only medical facility left in Sri Lanka's war zone Tuesday, killing 49 people in the third day of intense shelling in the area, health officials said.

The Tamil Tiger rebels blamed the government for the attack — the second deadly strike on the hospital this month — and called on the international community to push for an immediate ceasefire. Sri Lankan officials denied responsibility. (AP)

Pakistan Deploys Troops in Swat

'Search and destroy' missions set sights on Taliban leaders

MARDAN, PAKISTAN | Helicopters dropped Pakistani commandos into a Taliban stronghold in the Swat Valley on Tuesday, pressing ahead with an offensive the army said had killed more than 750 militants and driven about 800,000 people from their homes.

Despite claims of success in an operation that began after heavy U.S. pressure, the army said it had yet to start operations in the region's main town of Swat, where, witnesses say, Taliban insurgents are in control and preparing for what could be bloody door-to-door fighting.

Farther south, a suspected U.S. missile attack flattened a house and killed at least eight people in another militant bastion near the Afghan border, officials said, in the latest in a series of attacks that have strained U.S. and Pakistani ties.

Choppers placed troops on "search and destroy" missions in the remote Piochar area in the upper reaches of the Swat Valley, army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said. Officials have identified Piochar as the rear-base of an estimated 4,000 Taliban militants.

NAHAL TOOSI (AP)

PROTESTS Back to the Drawing Board There were no empty seats in the Royal Institute of British Architects auditorium Tuesday night as a planned boycott of Prince Charles' speech fizzled. Although some prominent architects did not attend to protest Charles' harsh views of modern architecture — and his opposition to a steel-and-glass tower development at an old army barracks in central London — plenty of institute members were happy to claim the extra tickets. (AP)

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U.S. soldiers fire mortars at Taliban militants in Kunar, Afghanistan, Tuesday.

20 Killed In Taliban Offensive

Suicide bombers hit government buildings during brazen attack

KABUL | Eleven Taliban suicide bombers struck government buildings Tuesday in a bold, daylong assault in eastern Afghanistan, sparking running gunbattles with U.S. and Afghan forces that killed 20 people and wounded three Americans, officials said.

Troops freed 20 hostages taken by insurgents.

The battle in Khost, a border city that houses a major American base, came as the U.S. made leadership changes that demonstrate a clear break from Bush-era appointees, with President Obama taking charge of an increasingly bloody eight-year war. New U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, a former three-star general, presented his credentials to President Hamid Karzai in the capital. On Monday, the war's top U.S. commander, Gen. David McKiernan, was replaced by Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

Teams of Taliban militants have launched multipronged assaults on government centers in the last year, demonstrating an increasing sophistication in their attacks. Military analysts have said such attacks are a result of training by Pakistani militants and al-Qaeda. (AP)

Freed Journalist Thanks Backers

Copying of report led to Saberi's 4-month imprisonment in Iran

TEHRAN, IRAN | A joyful Roxana Saberi on Tuesday thanked those who helped win her release after four months in a Tehran prison.

Her lawyer revealed that the American journalist was convicted of spying for the U.S. in part because she had a copy of a confidential Iranian report on the U.S. war in Iraq.

Saberi, who holds American and Iranian citizenship, had copied the report "out of curiosity" while she worked as a freelance translator for a powerful body connected to Iran's ruling clerics, said the lawyer, Saleh Nikbakht.

It turned into a key part of the prosecution's case against her during her secret, closed-door trial in mid-April before an Iranian security court, Nikbakht said. Prosecutors also cited a trip to Israel that Saberi made in 2006, he said. Iran bars its citizens from visiting Israel, its top regional nemesis.

HASAN SARBAKHSHIAN/AP

Roxana Saberi spoke to reporters Tuesday for the first time since her release.

Speaking to reporters in Tehran for the first time since her release Monday, a smiling Saberi said she did not have any specific plans but wanted to spend time with her family.

Saberi, who at one point was on a hunger strike in prison, looked thin but energetic, dressed in a bright blue head scarf, black pants and a black dress.

Her father said Saberi was catching up on news stories on her detention on the Web as the family prepared to return with her to the United States in the coming days.

"I'm, of course, very happy to be free and to be with my parents again, and I want to thank all the people all over the world — which I'm just finding out about, really — who, whether they knew me or not helped me and my family during this period," she said. (AP)

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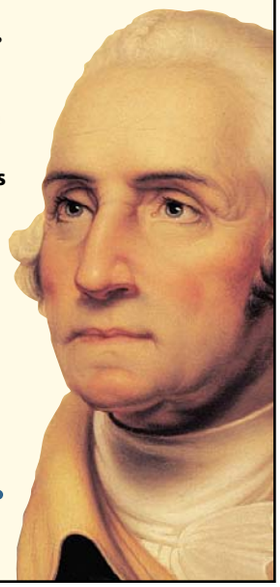

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World

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An earthquake victim's mother and grandmother mourn at a cemetery in China's Sichuan province on Tuesday, the anniversary of last year's powerful temblor.

China's Wounds Fresh 1 Year Later

Huge ceremony helps mark the anniversary of deadly earthquake

BEICHUAN, CHINA | China marked the first anniversary of a massive earthquake on Tuesday in a somber, nationally televised ceremony filled with flowers and speeches, as the normally distant Chinese leadership provided an unusually cathartic public moment.

The 30-minute memorial service in front of a destroyed school in the Sichuan province town of Yingxiu followed a minute of silence that began at 2:28 p.m., the moment the magnitude-7.9 temblor shook China — and some countries beyond — on May 12, 2008. Nearly 90,000 people were killed or never found, and 5 million were made homeless in the deadliest earthquake to hit in decades.

"The great task of earthquake rescue and recovery reminds us again that unity is strength, that victory can only be gained through struggle," President Hu Jintao said, before a stone memorial.

The destruction triggered an outpouring of grief across China and united the country in a massive rescue effort. But parents of dead students have been at the forefront of dissent with accusations of corruption and mismanagement that they say led to shoddy construction of schools.

> "Our son is dead. I don't feel like living anymore."
>
> —FU GUIQUN
> BEICHUAN, CHINA

"Our son is dead. I don't feel like living anymore, so I am not afraid; I want to speak up," said Fu Guiqun, a 37-year-old mother in the valley town of Beichuan.

KEN TEH (AP)

GREECE **Shot Down** A privacy watchdog has banned Internet giant Google Inc. from gathering images in Greece for its Street View service until it provides additional privacy guarantees. (AP)

Local

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

Obama's order won support (from left) from D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, shown at Mount Vernon Tuesday.

Obama Issues Bay Executive Order

Directive empowers EPA to be tougher on cleanup demands

President Obama took a dramatic step Tuesday to revive faltering efforts to clean up Chesapeake Bay, issuing an executive order that could empower the federal Environmental Protection Agency to set a more demanding timetable and penalize states that fail to meet it.

The executive order signals a far greater federal role in the bay cleanup.

It instructs the EPA to coordinate efforts by several federal departments and to work with state governments to reduce pollutants flowing into the bay, and it gives the agency enforcement authority if states miss established goals.

"I can assure you that the EPA is ready to enforce these goals," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson.

The announcement came at a meeting of the Chesapeake Executive Council, the body of elected officials from the 64,000-square-mile bay watershed that has overseen the cleanup effort.

ASHLEY HALSEY III (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Rhee: D.C. Positions Will Be Cut

D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee has quickly responded to the D.C. Council's decision Tuesday morning to reduce the schools budget by $27.5 million until enrollment projections for the 2009-2010 school year can be verified.

In a letter to Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Rhee said the decision will "negatively impact school opening in August 2009" and will "impact every school in the District and their ability to recruit and hire teachers."

Rhee

"Under the amendment, DCPS no longer has $27.5 million allocated to schools as part of the FY 2010 budget," Rhee wrote. "While it may be restored well after the school year opens, it is simply too late to staff schools. As such, we have no choice but to reduce school budgets and eliminate positions now."

The council, which is skeptical school enrollment will increase after years of decline, has put the money for escrow until an audit can be performed.

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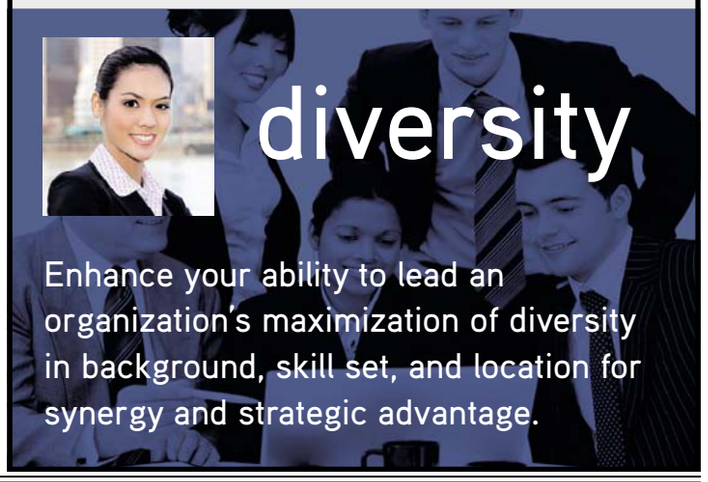

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D.C. Sniper's Appeal Heard

Lawyer: Muhammad did not go through a competency hearing

RICHMOND, VA. | Convicted Washington-area sniper John Allen Muhammad should never have been allowed to act as his own lawyer for part of his 2003 capital murder trial, his attorney said Tuesday in a federal appeals hearing.

Muhammad's conviction and death sentence should be thrown out because his trial lawyers failed to tell a judge that the mastermind of the 2002 shootings was too mentally impaired to represent himself, attorney Jonathan Sheldon said.

A lawyer for the state of Virginia argued that Muhammad's competency was never an issue in his trial for one of 10 killings Muhammad and teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo committed. Muhammad was sentenced to death, and Malvo is serving a life term for the shooting spree.

STEVE HELBER/AP

John Allen Muhammad was sentenced to death for killing 10 people in 2002.

Muhammad represented himself for the first two days of his Virginia trial, making his own opening statement and questioning 18 witnesses before turning his defense over to court-appointed attorneys, who had warned him that serving as his own counsel would be a terrible mistake.

Sheldon, who is handling Muhammad's federal appeal, said the trial lawyers violated Muhammad's constitutional right to effective counsel by not telling the judge about their client's delusional statements and brain disorders stemming from childhood beatings.

"They had an absolute obligation under state law to hold a competency hearing," Sheldon told a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

LARRY O'DELL (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, May 12

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	**4-3-6**
Mid-day DC 4	**3-1-2-5**
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	**1-2-7-7**
Rolling Cash Five (Mon.)	**4-12-18-24-35**
Daily 6 (Mon.)	**3-15-26-33-34-38 (29)**

MARYLAND

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Mid-day Pick 4	**2-7-0-7**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	**3-9-0-7**
Match 5 (Mon.)	**8-21-26-30-35 (16)**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	**1-6-0**
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Mid-day Pick 4	**4-0-5-0**
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Home Woes Persist in Metro Areas

Decline in median prices shows market hasn't yet hit bottom

WASHINGTON | Home prices fell in nearly nine out of every 10 U.S. cities in the first quarter of this year as first-time buyers looking for bargains dominated the market.

The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that median sales prices of existing homes declined in 134 out of 152 metropolitan areas when compared with the same period a year ago.

Nationwide, sales of foreclosures and other distressed properties made up about half of the market.

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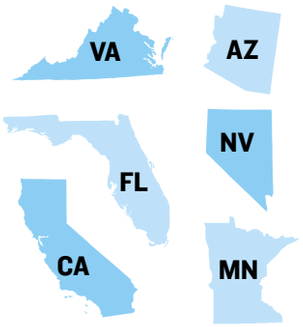
Glen Anderson installs a "for sale" sign outside a house in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

In the Realtors' first-quarter report, home sales fell in all but six states:

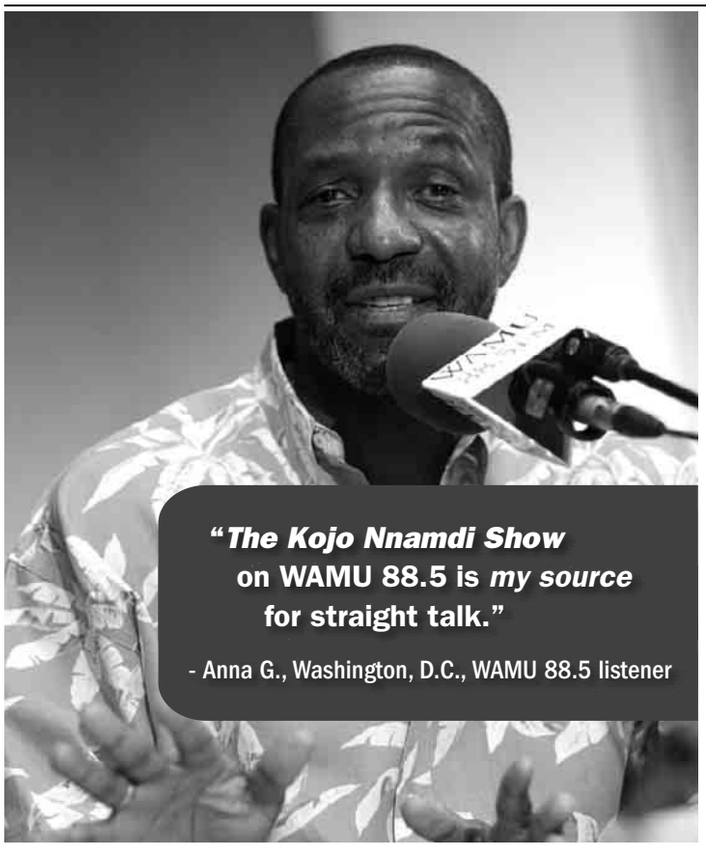


"I think we're near a bottom, but we're not there yet," said David Resler, chief economist at Nomura Securities.

But the nascent signs of recovery in the housing market could be short-lived if employers continue to lay off workers in bulk.

At the Realtors' midyear conference in Washington, talks focused of how to turn around the beleaguered housing market. Real estate agents hope the $8,000 tax credit for first-time buyers included in the economic stimulus package signed by President Obama earlier this year will boost sales.

But in high-priced areas such as New York City, it doesn't make much of a difference for buyers. "It's not really a major motivator for people," said Robert Oppenheimer, a Re/Max broker in nearby Englewood Cliffs, N.J. "It's almost an afterthought." ALAN ZIBEL (AP)



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Money

Gas Prices Rise Ahead of Holiday

But costs are unlikely to match 2008's high of more than $4/gal

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Retail gasoline prices rose again overnight and are now up nearly 40 percent from the start of the year, while the price for crude on Tuesday topped $60 a barrel for the first time since early November.

Just a week ago, drivers nationally paid about 17 cents less for a gallon of gas on average.

Crude wavered after hitting $60.08 early Tuesday but still closed up 35 cents at $58.85 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's more than 80 percent above prices in December, when crude was bottoming out.

Prices at the pump rose 2.2 cents to $2.248 a gallon overnight, according to motor club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

The average cost of a gallon of gas in the U.S. rose 2.2 cents on Tuesday.

$2.248

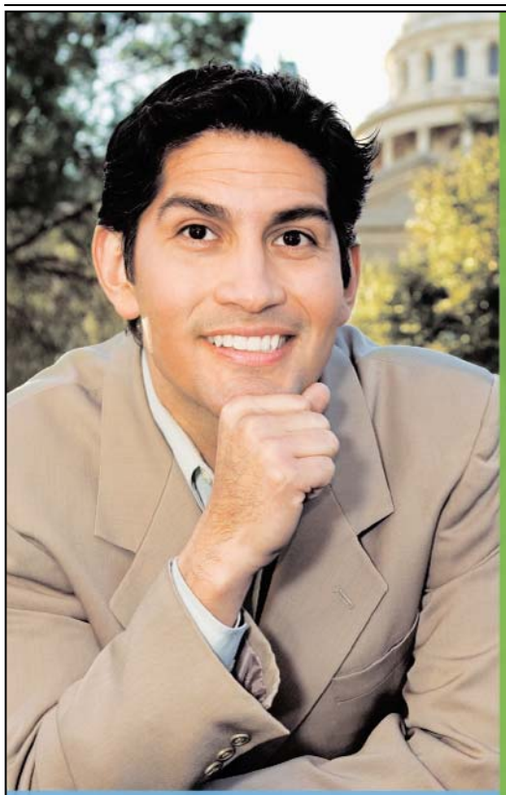
The average cost for a gallon of regular gas in the United States as of Tuesday, according to AAA.

Prices are rising faster this week than they did last year, when gasoline embarked on a record run toward $4.11. No one expects a repeat of last summer, however, and many think prices have only about a nickel to go before topping out.

This is the time of year, as the country gears up for the Memorial Day holiday, that prices tend to begin climbing.

What's different this year is the amount of crude that is in storage. The country has not seen storage levels this high since 1990. On the surface, that should mean prices are falling, but because the bad economy means people are driving less, refiners have slashed production.

The price of gas will depend on how well those refiners have matched demand. (AP)



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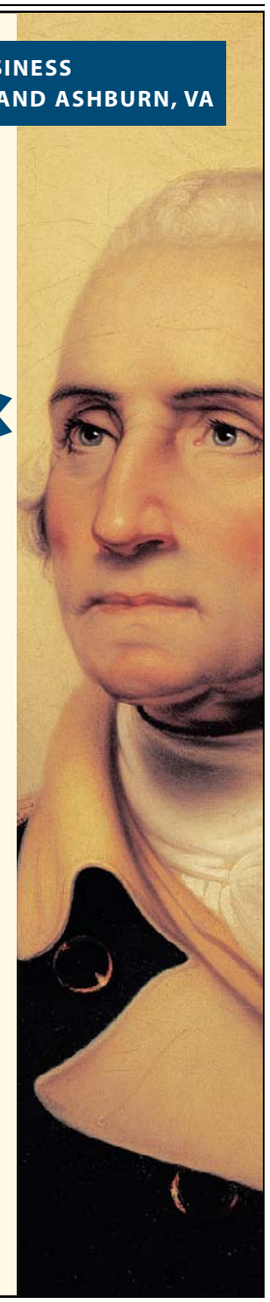

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It All Comes Down to Game 7

Can the Caps stave off elimination once again in the playoffs?

CAPITALS | Almost as quickly as Capitals forward David Steckel chipped a Brooks Laich wrist shot past Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury for the deciding overtime goal of Game 6 Monday night, talk had turned to figuring out how this young Caps team has become so proficient at thwarting elimination.

It prompted generic responses such as, "When we're desperate, we have more power than anybody," from Alex Ovechkin and, "We know how to play with pressure," from Nicklas Backstrom.

But even with a Game 7 victory under their belts two weeks ago

against the Rangers and a soul-crushing loss to Philadelphia to fall back on from last year, nothing can really prepare them for when Wednesday night's latest stop on the Capitals' seven games-or-bust postseason tour comes back to Verizon Center for the conclusion of an epic Eastern Conference semifinal series with the Penguins.

The magnitude of what's in store might best be explained through the friends and family of players trying to be a part of one of the NHL's biggest games in recent memory. Laich is flying his brother, Jordan, in on a red-eye flight from Saskatchewan, Canada, that will leave at 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Alex Ovechkin has 20 friends and family, including some "Russian celebrities," who all want to be at Game 7. The Great 8 has tried in vain to secure a luxury box for them but can't get one. That's right: The same guy who rejuvenated D.C.'s hockey craze can't even find tickets. "Box is closed ... season ticket holders," said Ovechkin with his trademark missing-tooth grin. "D.C. is a hockey town now."

Because whether it has been Rock the Red versus Terrible Towels, Ovechkin versus Crosby, Fleury versus Varlamov, or even coach Bruce Boudreau versus the refs, this series has somehow lived up to all the hype heaped its way. Now, though, it all comes down to one game.

"No one is gonna remember who lost in Game 7, but [we've] got the ability ... to make history," said Boudreau. "It's not done very often, staving off elimination, and we're gonna try again."

MARK GIANNOTTO

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The Caps celebrate after their overtime victory on Monday night. Washington has had four games this postseason on the brink of elimination. Game 7 is Wednesday.

KEY GAME 7 FACTS

30 series
of the 125 series that have gone to seven games in NHL history have been decided in overtime.

63%
of the Game 7 series were won by the home team.

2001
The last time the Penguins were in a Game 7, meaning Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin have never participated in one.

GAME 7 CLUTCH GUYS

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The Pens' Ruslan Fedotenko

In Brief

JONATHAN NEWTOWN/TWP

Alex Ovechkin and Sergei Gonchar collide in Game 4 of the Caps-Pens series.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Penguins' Gonchar Ruled A Game-Time Decision

Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar has practiced for the first time since injuring his right knee during a collision with Alex Ovechkin and hopes to play in Wednesday's Game 7 against Washington. Gonchar says it will be a game-time decision whether he takes the ice for the decisive game in the series. (AP)

NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics' Davis Apologizes For Bumping Young Fan

Boston Celtics forward Glen Davis apologized Tuesday for bumping a 12-year-old boy while celebrating his game-winning shot against the Orlando Magic. Davis said he got emotional and didn't see the boy as he turned and ran to the Celtics bench to celebrate his 21-foot jumper that gave the Celtics a 95-94 win over the Magic on Sunday. The basket tied the second-round playoff series at 2-2. (AP)

NFL

League Ponders Adding 2nd Game Across the Pond

After seeing fans jam London's Wembley Stadium to watch the NFL the past two years, the league is considering adding a second regular-season game overseas in time for the 2010 season. Commissioner Roger Goodell said on Tuesday the second game could also be played in London or at another location in the United Kingdom. (AP)

BASEBALL **Don't Buy Me Some Peanuts** A minor league baseball team is designating a special section for fans who want to go out to the ballgame but buy no peanuts or Cracker Jack. Especially no peanuts. The Camden Riversharks are designating a block of seats at Campbell's Field in New Jersey as a peanut-free section to accommodate fans with food allergies. The Riversharks play in the independent Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. (AP)

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The Blackhawks' Chicago Revival

Team reaches NHL's final four after 7 years of missing postseason

NHL PLAYOFFS | The Blackhawks are back. On the ice, off the ice. Their faces — most of them young — are everywhere in this sports-crazed city. After missing the playoffs for most of a decade, they've reached the final four of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"The common denominator is to win, and we wanted to move the organization ahead," owner Rocky Wirtz said earlier this season. "I see us perennially going to the playoffs, and, once we get there, anything can happen."

And the Blackhawks have been winning most of this season, a trend they've extended into their first playoff appearance in seven years. The results so far: They've drawn more than a million fans for their home regular-season and playoff games combined.

NAM Y. HUH/AP

Patrick Kane celebrates with Brian Campbell during the Blackhawks' 7-5 win Monday. The Blackhawks have drawn more than a million fans at home this season.

Wirtz, who was signing autographs Monday night before the Blackhawks erupted for four third-period goals to eliminate the Vancouver Canucks, made major changes after taking over the team following his father's death in 2007.

He hired marketing guru John McDonough away from the Cubs to be the team president; home games were put on TV; and the team welcomed back stars such as Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita as ambassadors.

Finally, the United Center, often half-empty just two seasons ago, began to fill up. Now it's so loud that coach Joel Quenneville had trouble yelling out line changes Monday night.

"They're one of the best skilled offensive teams in the NHL. If ever they can keep this team together, the people of Chicago are going to have a very strong team for a very long time," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. (AP)

Brooks Robinson Reveals Cancer

ORIOLES | Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson, arguably the greatest third baseman in baseball history, revealed Tuesday that he has undergone successful treatment for prostate cancer.

Robinson

"It was diagnosed very early, and I underwent radiation treatments," Robinson said. "I feel healthy and fine."

Robinson, 71, who spent his entire career playing for the Orioles, chose Tuesday's luncheon — which honored patrons of the American Cancer Society's Patient Resource Navigation Program — to reveal his illness publicly for the first time. (AP)

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Sports

Yankees Air Out Concerns

No changes planned yet over wind, empty seats at new ballpark

BASEBALL | The Yankees are monitoring the wind and home runs at their new ballpark along with the empty seats close to the field, but they plan no changes.

Chief operating officer Lonn Trost said Tuesday more wind studies will be done at the $1.5 billion stadium, but the weather during the first two homestands might have been unusual. Forty-seven home runs have been hit, four shy of the record for the first 13 games at a major league ballpark. Thirty-two of the homers were hit to right field.

"There were wind studies performed before. [There'll] be wind studies performed as we go forward, and we're just looking like you are to see whether or not it's the weather, the wind, what happens when the old building goes down," Trost said. (AP)

TIME TO WORRY?
Yankees COO Lonn Trost, left, discussed some of the issues at the new stadium:

- This year's home-run total, 47, is vastly higher than the most in the first 13 games of a season at the old Yankee Stadium — 36 in 2007.
- The Yankees are considering changes in 2010 to the first row behind the outfield fences. Possible fan interference already has led to a pair of umpire video reviews.
- He said no changes were planned to the policy preventing fans with tickets in other parts of the stadium from getting close to the field during batting practice. Seats in the first nine rows cost $500 to $2,625.

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Granger Is Most Improved

Pacers forward wins NBA award after averaging 25.8 points

NBA | Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger was named the NBA's most improved player on Tuesday after averaging a career-best 25.8 points a game this season.

Granger edged New Jersey Nets guard Devin Harris 364-339 in voting from a panel of 121 journalists.

"I can honestly say it really did come as a surprise," he said. "I really had it out of my mind for a while. I was on vacation, enjoying Italy, and all of a sudden, I'm winning the award."

DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Danny Granger averaged 25.8 points per game this season for the Pacers.

Granger was selected to the All-Star team this year for the first time and improved his scoring average by at least five points in each of the past three seasons. He averaged 7.5 points as a rookie, then 13.9 in his second season and 19.6 in 2007-08.

Granger had the NBA's fifth-highest scoring average this season.

"I think in my fourth year, I just had the experience of playing a lot of minutes," he said.

"I could read defenses a lot better. I could get my shot a lot easier than what I had in the past. I think I just thought my way through the game a little more than I had previously."

CLIFF BRUNT (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

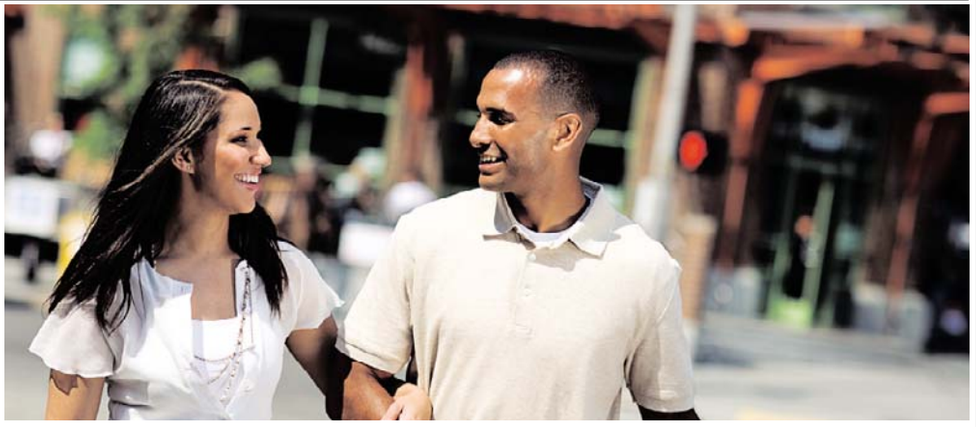
CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN AND VERSUS) Can the Capitals stave off elimination yet again and topple the Penguins in Game 7?

NBA PLAYOFFS (9 P.M. ON TNT) The Nuggets hold a 3-1 lead over the Mavericks entering Game 5 of their series.

NATIONALS (3:45 P.M. ON MASN) Ryan Zimmerman is red hot, but the Nationals are very much not heading into the finale of their series against the Giants.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) More of the O's-Rays series in a battle of AL East rivals.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Here's a drinking game: Take a sip every time the announcers mention Manny Ramirez when the Dodgers play the Phillies.



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Clemens Speaks Out to Bash Book

Legendary pitcher breaks silence, says he never used drugs

DOPING | Roger Clemens broke his silence Tuesday, again denying that former personal trainer Brian McNamee injected him with performance-enhancing drugs in his first public comments in more than a year.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner was interviewed by phone on ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike in the Morning." He said he chose to speak out Tuesday because it was the release date of a book about his alleged drug use.

"He's never injected me with HGH or steroids," Clemens said of McNamee's assertions to baseball investigator George Mitchell.

While "American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime" was officially released Tuesday, its revelations were not new to the public. The book, by four New York Daily News reporters, recaps previous reports in the newspaper.

SUSAN WALSH/AP

Roger Clemens is under investigation for lying to Congress about doping.

> "I've seen **excerpts** of the book, and they're completely false. ... It's piling on. It's hurtful at times."

Clemens said he had started working with a communications firm. "I've seen excerpts of the book, and they're completely false. ... You know, guys, it's piling on. It's hurtful at times. But I'm moving on."

Clemens said he had given a DNA sample to federal investigators but that syringes provided by McNamee would not link him to performance-enhancing drug use.

"It's impossible because he's never given me any," Clemens said.

RACHEL COHEN (AP)

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From the Judge's Mouth

Simon Cowell says change is necessary and Kara DioGuardi is growing on him

Q&A | In his trailer before a recent episode of Fox's "American Idol," judge and TV producer Simon Cowell sat with the Hollywood Reporter for an interview. Cowell, 49, offers his thoughts on this season of the show.

Who do you think will win "Idol" this season?
Probably Adam [Lambert].

How would you rank this season so far overall?
The contestants are interesting; they're talented. I think, arguably, with this guy Adam, he could be one of the best we've ever had — in terms of an out-and-out pop star who could sell all over the world.

> **"I got bored** last year. Just totally, totally bored. It was like judging a bunch of robots."

So, in that respect, it's been one of my favorite seasons. Much better than last year. I got bored last year. Just totally, totally bored. It was like judging a bunch of robots.

Do you think next year the producers will continue making tweaks to the show's format?
You have to. The minute you start assuming that the audience is very happy to see the same show again, you're dead. If the show looked now as it did in Season 1, it probably wouldn't be on the air now.

And adding a fourth judge?
It has its advantages and it has its disadvantages. I like Kara [DioGuardi] a lot, actually. I'm getting to like her more as the series goes on.

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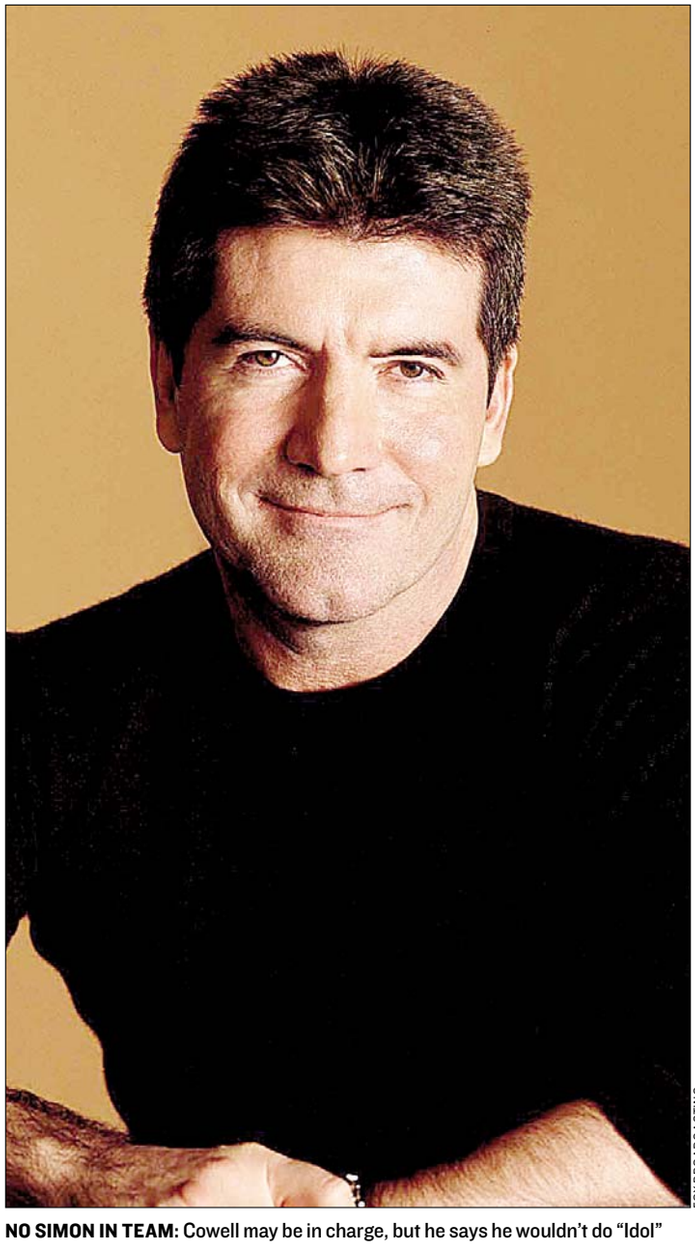
Will Kara be back next year?
Who knows? By the way, it wasn't my decision to bring her in in the first place. But I'm guessing she'll stay.

Every year, there are stories questioning whether [fellow judge] Paula Abdul will be back [for next season].
As long as I'm on the show, she'll be on the show. I could not do the show without Paula. Or Randy. We get on really well. It's a great chemistry. Even Ryan. And that was my only concern when we were talking about the fourth judge. As long as the other three are back, I'm happy. JAMES HIBBERD (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



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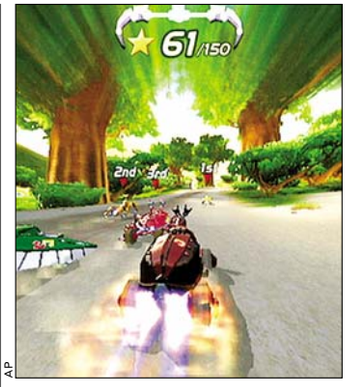
NO SIMON IN TEAM: Cowell may be in charge, but he says he wouldn't do "Idol" without fellow judges Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson, and host Ryan Seacrest.



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Look at that weird turtle-bot-thing go!

'Excitebots' Is Totally Freaky

Wii's latest driving game is a wildly wacky good time

VIDEO GAME | When it comes to high-speed driving on Nintendo consoles, the action pretty much begins and ends with one name: "Mario Kart."

Leave it to Nintendo to provide the most viable competitor to its own "Mario Kart" monster. The "Excite" racing franchise probably won't convert many "MK" diehards, but its latest installment is certainly something different.

"Excitebots Trick Racing" (Nintendo, for the Wii, $39.99) is a racer from the Monster Games studio that is flat-out weird. The vehicles are robotic animals — frogs and grasshoppers, for example — with wheels attached.

Occasionally, your bot will sprout an arm that lets you play a mid-race mini-game. You can try to throw a dart at a bull's-eye, bowl a strike or hit a clown with a pie. Such inspired lunacy makes for a lively party game. LOU KESTEN (AP)

CANCELLATION **Summer Buzzkill** According to DCist and other blogs, HBO is not sponsoring Screen on the Green for summer 2009. You know, the lovely event where weekly movies are shown outdoors on the National Mall to crowds of picnickers and relaxed (for once) Washingtonians. This is probably for the best — folks in this town don't work hard enough, so it seems important to strip them of their favorite leisure activities one at a time. Sarcasm aside, it's sad — summer won't be the same. (EXPRESS)

Musings on Love and Death

The Thermals write classic themes into 'Now We Can See'

TRIO | "We've always kind of taken pride in doing really simple, direct live shows," says Thermals vocalist-guitarist Hutch Harris. "We just like no filler, no [crap]. We rehearse our songs to death and then just try to come out and play one after another really well."

Harris and bandmate Kathy Foster had been playing together for years in Portland, Ore.'s music scene before forming the Thermals. As Hutch and Kathy, the duo made a small splash with their one self-titled album from 2002. But the next year, they morphed into a trio, changed their name and were signed to indie powerhouse Sub Pop right off the bat.

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➜ To read more of contributor Katherine Silkaitis' article on the Thermals' new album, visit us online.

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Six years later, the trio of Harris, Foster and drummer Westin Glass have released their fourth album, "Now We Can See" (Kill Rock Stars). It's a bit quieter and mellower than the frenetic discs that preceded it — but only a bit.

ALICIA J. ROSE

The Thermals (Hutch Harris, Westin Glass and Kathy Foster) are at Black Cat tonight.

Throughout their tenure, the Thermals have taken a very pronounced stand on politics and religion. But "Now We Can See" takes a step in a different direction.

"I feel like we did politics and religion for a while, but then we started making a point to get away from that," Harris explains. "There's a lot of death on the new record; there's a lot of love. Kathy and I were discussing what we thought to be the classic themes of songwriting, and it's pretty much love and death, or water and land. ... That's really what we're into on the new record." KATHERINE SILKAITIS

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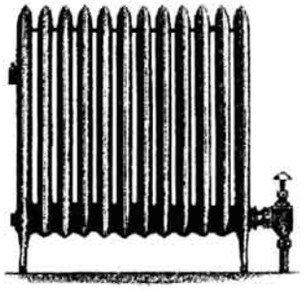

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Lift Every Voice and Rock

Grizzly Bear turns layered vocals into its indie signature

SINGERS | Four years ago, the newly formed Grizzly Bear was booking its own tour, playing in empty venues and encouraging music piracy: The band would give away CDs to whoever would take them.

Since then, Grizzly Bear has qickly risen to become a signature act in indie music, a sometimes quiet but seductively melodic force that has captivated an ever-increasing following.

"It does feel like a long time ago," said frontman Ed Droste, 30, before deadpanning: "I feel like I've aged like 50 years. I hope sarcasm translates in this interview."

Daniel Rossen, the guitarist and other songwriter in the band besides Droste, chimes in: "I was a sprightly 22. Now I'm a bitter, haggard 26."

The other two members of the band are bassist and producer Chris Taylor, and drummer Chris Bear. The four of them all exude a scruffy Williamsburg cool from a distance, but closer up they are more likely to laugh at themselves.

The quartet — all of whom sing — meticulously build subtle, languorous melodies that often seem fragile and elusive.

JACK PLUNKETT/AP

Daniel Rossen, the guitarist and co-songwriter for Grizzly Bear, strums his banjo.

Grizzly Bear's much-anticipated sophomore album, "Veckatimest," will be released May 26; around the same time, the group will begin a summer tour, including stops at major festivals such as Bonnaroo.

"Veckatimest" (named after a small island off Cape Cod) was recorded in a large Catskills house, the former Allaire Studios. There, the band created a looser, louder, more drum-heavy album.

Droste calls "Veckatimest" "more sonically dynamic. We all enjoy layered vocals — there's definitely an element of that," Droste said. JAKE COYLE (AP)

➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; June 1, 7 p.m., $18; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1230 100 130 300 330 400 530) 630 700 800 905 935 1035
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1250 415) 715 945
FIGHTING (PG-13) (420 PM) 655 PM 950 PM
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1235 345) 710 1000
OBSESSED (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 745 1015
EARTH (G) (1220 250 525) 755 1020
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1205 PM)

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7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (110 200 405 450) 700 740 1000 1030
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1230 150 230 300 420 500 530) 650 730 800 920 1000 1030
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1220 250 410 520) 630 750 850 1015
OBSESSED (PG-13) (1240 310 540) 810 1030
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (220 450) 720 950
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (100 350) 640 930
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (140 PM)

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (145 240 440 540) 710 810 925 1025
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (110 200 330 405 500) 630 700 800 930 1000
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 730 PM 1030 PM
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (100 145 215 245 315 420 445 515 545) 645 715 745 815 915 945 1015
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (115 350) 615 900
FIGHTING (PG-13) (340 PM)
OBSESSED (PG-13) (230 525) 805 1030
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (135 415) 650 940
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (100 PM) 615 PM 900 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (220 PM 450 PM)

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1130 1200 1245 225 300) 400 530 630 715 845 940 1020
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 745 PM 1050 PM
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 315 540 810 1025
OC & DA: X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1235 PM) 645 PM
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1135 145 215) 345 430 500 730 800 920 1010 1040
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1145 210) 445 725 1015
TYSON (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 220) 440 700 930
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1250) 415 705 955
OBSESSED (PG-13) (150) 435 720 1025
EARTH (G) (1150 205) 420 650 910
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (110) 410 710 1005
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1140 AM 215 PM 450 PM)

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1240 110 140 210 335 405 435 505) 630 700 730 800 930 1000 1030
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1225 1255 125 155 310 350 420 450) 615 645 715 745 915 945 1015
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (220 455) 640 740 910 1010
EARTH (G) (135 400) 625 850
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (145 PM 445 PM) 750 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (150 PM 415 PM)

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 700 PM 1005 PM
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1220 120 150 255 325 425 455) 600 630 730 800 855 935 1035
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 305 530) 750 1015
OC & DA: X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1205 PM) 615 PM
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1235 105 135 225 310 340 410 440 510) 645 715 745 815 910 950 1020
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1200 145 420) 650 925
FIGHTING (PG-13) (1255 PM)
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1210 320) 620 915
OBSESSED (PG-13) (130 415) 710 955
EARTH (G) (110 350) 610 830
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (400 PM) 720 PM 1025 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (205 PM 435 PM)

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-4956

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (105 135 205 400 430 500) 700 730 800 955 1020
RW: STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1145 235 530) 830
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ (330 PM) 630 PM 925 PM
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 210 420) 650 900
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1145 1215 115 145 215 245 315 345 415 445 515 545) 615 645 715 745 815 845 915 945 1015
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1210 240 505) 735 1000
OBSESSED (PG-13) (1225 435) 710 950
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1230 440) 725 1005
EARTH (G) (130 350) 610 840
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1250 PM)
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1215 PM) 935 PM
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (335 PM) 655 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1205 PM)

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1200 1230 100 140 220 300 330 400 435 520) 610 630 700 730 830 900 930 1000
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 800 PM
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 230 450) 720 945
OC & DA: X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1255 PM) 615 PM
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1220 120 145 210 240 310 335 410 430 500 525 550) 650 710 740 810 840 910 935 955 1020
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (215 340 455) 620 735 850 1015
FIGHTING (PG-13) (110 PM)
OBSESSED (PG-13) (200 PM 510 PM) 755 PM
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (130 420) 715 1010
EARTH (G) (1250 320 545) 820
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (150 PM 440 PM) 750 PM
STATE OF PLAY (PG-13) (1240 PM)
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (350 PM) 640 PM 920 PM
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1210 PM 250 PM 535 PM)

FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Plz, Ashburn, VA 703-957-1035

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
RW: STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1230 330) 630 930
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (1130 140 230 435 530) 730 830 1030
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 700 PM 1000 PM
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 240 510) 740 1010
RW & DA: X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1245 315 545) 815
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1145 1215 115 145 215 245 345 415 445 515) 615 645 715 745 845 915 945 1015
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1150 AM 210 PM 430 PM)
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1150 220 500) 750 1020
OBSESSED (PG-13) (130 400) 720 1005
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1200 300) 600 900
EARTH (G) (200 450) 710 940
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (1210 250 520) 800 1025
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (120 350) 620 850

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 245 500) 750 1005
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (100 200 340 440) 640 740 910 1010
FIGHTING (PG-13) (120 410) 710 945
OBSESSED (PG-13) (140 430) 720 1000
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1250 150 330) 700 930
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1230 250 510) 730 950
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) (130 350) 630 900
DUPLICITY (PG-13) (110 400) 650 940
WATCHMEN (R) - ID REQ'D (420 PM) 800 PM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale ANGELS AND DEMONS
Adv. Tix on Sale TERMINATOR SALVATION
Adv. Tix on Sale NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II
STAR TREK (PG-13) ★ (110 140 210 405 435 505) 700 730 800 1000 1030
STAR TREK - DP (PG-13) ★ 630 PM 930 PM
NEXT DAY AIR (R) - ID REQ'D (240 450) 715 945
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG-13) (1215 1255 125 225 310 350 420 520) 600 645 745 815 845 915 1015
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) (1240 325) 615 900
OBSESSED (PG-13) (230 510) 750 1040
THE SOLOIST (PG-13) (1200 255) 610 1010
EARTH (G) (155 445) 720 950
17 AGAIN (PG-13) (335 PM) 620 PM 910 PM
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (1225 PM)
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D - SPECIAL EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (300 PM)

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To Every Season, an End

Michael Emerson is as shocked by the 'Lost' finale as fans will be

END | The fifth-season finale of "Lost" airs Wednesday at 9 p.m. on ABC, with a scheme afoot to somehow undo the fateful Oceanic Airlines crash and everything that followed.

Meanwhile, Ben himself seems undone.

"Ben looks about as whipped as he has ever looked," chuckles Michael Emerson, who plays the ever-devious character. "But he's still operating. He's looking for opportunities."

From the start, "Lost" has had an epic, mind-bending sweep and a vast array of characters (among them, series stars Matthew Fox, Josh Holloway, Evangeline Lilly and Terry O'Quinn).

FLORIAN SCHNEIDER/ABC

Ben has injected the show with a large dose of creepiness since his Season 2 arrival.

But mysterious Ben has loomed large through it all — since he arrived in Season 2, originally for just a handful of episodes.

Emerson hails Ben for "alertness and calculation," even while conceding that Ben "is deeply flawed. He's a wreck. He's a teller of half-truths."

Not that truth, in any ordinary sense, is commonplace on "Lost," as the finale is sure to demonstrate. It left Emerson "a bit shocked when I read the script," he confides.

"Can they DO that?" Emerson says he asked himself, sounding like any "Lost" fan. FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

tonight's lineup

THE MICHELANGELO CODE
"Secrets of the Dead" (8 p.m., PBS) offers **MICHELANGELO REVEALED**, a provocative interpretation of his artwork and an examination of mysterious events surrounding his death and burial.

FINALE NO. 1
The Lightman group must stop a terrorism bombing campaign on **LIE TO ME** (8 p.m., Fox).

TENSION MOUNTING
The top two emerge on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox). Katy Perry and Jordin Sparks perform.

FINALE NO. 2
Tyra Banks announces the winner of **AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL** (8 p.m., CW).

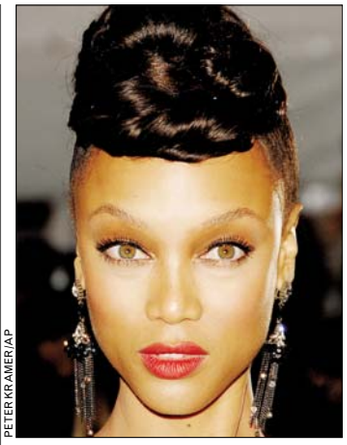
HISTORICAL DRAMA
A struggle for ancient artifacts sparks a killing spree and sends Stella back to Greece on **CSI: NY** (10 p.m., CBS).

LIFE IN THE LIMELIGHT
TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY (10 p.m., E!) looks at rappers' wives.

FUNNYMAN, JAZZMAN
Robin Williams and Wynton Marsalis appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS).

THE USUAL SUSPECT
Jay Leno hosts Kevin Spacey on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC).

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



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Tyra Banks names yet another "Top Model" tonight on the CW.

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IMAX STAR TREK: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) ✓
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

DCI 2009: THE COUNTDOWN (NR–NOT RATED) ✓ 7:30
NEXT DAY AIR (R) ✓ 1:00, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:40, 6:50, 8:00, 9:10
STAR TREK (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 1:50, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:30, 6:30, 7:50, 8:30, 9:30
BATTLE FOR TERRA (PG) 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:35 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 12:40, 1:35, 3:15, 4:15, 5:45, 7:05, 8:15
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 12:45, 2:10, 3:10, 3:45, 5:10, 6:15, 7:00, 8:10, 9:00, 9:40
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) [D] [CC] 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
FIGHTING (PG13) 12:55, 3:35
OBSESSED (PG13) 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:40, 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 10:00
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:05
EARTH (G) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55
17 AGAIN (PG13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05
CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) 9:50 PM
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:45, 4:35
OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) 9:45 PM
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 7:15, 9:50
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 1:05, 3:40, 6:20, 9:05 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.

NEXT DAY AIR (R) ✓ 2:40, 4:50, 7:00
BATTLE FOR TERRA (PG) 3:05, 5:10, 6:50 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*
FIGHTING (PG13) 8:00
OBSESSED (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20
17 AGAIN (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 7:50
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 3:00, 5:30
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10

AMC SELECT
ADVENTURELAND (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway

IMAX STAR TREK: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)
2:30, 5:30, 8:30

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 1:00, 3:40

DCI 2009: THE COUNTDOWN (NR–NOT RATED) 7:30
NEXT DAY AIR (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:20
STAR TREK (PG13) 12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:15
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 5:00, 6:00, 7:45, 8:45, 10:25
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) [D] [CC] 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
FIGHTING (PG13) 9:15 PM
OBSESSED (PG13) 1:15, 3:50, 6:50, 9:35
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
EARTH (G) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55
17 AGAIN (PG13) 6:55, 9:30
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 7:15, 10:05
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:45, 4:20
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 6:45 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

STAR TREK (PG13) 1:10, 2:10, 3:10, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:35
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:45, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) [CC] 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
OBSESSED (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
EARTH (G) 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55
17 AGAIN (PG13) 4:20, 9:25
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35
I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20

AMC SELECT
ADVENTURELAND (R) 1:40, 6:45

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center

DIGITAL 3D
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) 1:45, 4:05

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
STAR TREK (PG13) 6:35, 9:30

DCI 2009: THE COUNTDOWN (NR–NOT RATED) 7:30
NEXT DAY AIR (R) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25
STAR TREK (PG13) 12:15, 1:05, 2:10, 3:05, 4:10, 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:00, 8:50, 10:10, 10:55
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 12:30, 1:35, 2:55, 4:15, 5:45, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35, 10:50
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) [CC] 12:30, 2:55, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 12:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:25, 4:20, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:50, 8:50, 9:40, 10:40
FIGHTING (PG13) 7:20, 10:00
OBSESSED (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
EARTH (G) 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 10:05
17 AGAIN (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 4:30, 7:35, 10:30
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:55, 4:40
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 1:20

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo

NEXT DAY AIR (R) 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15
STAR TREK (PG13) 1:30, 2:35, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
FIGHTING (PG13) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
OBSESSED (PG13) 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:20
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:05, 4:05
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 7:40, 10:10
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 1:35 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886

IMAX STAR TREK: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) ✓
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

NEXT DAY AIR (R) ✓ 12:45, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20
STAR TREK (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 1:50, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:30, 6:30, 7:50, 8:30, 9:30
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 1:25, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:35, 2:25, 3:00, 4:15, 5:05, 5:40, 6:55, 7:45, 8:20, 9:35, 10:25
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) [D] [CC] 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
FIGHTING (PG13) 7:00, 9:40
OBSESSED (PG13) 12:50, 3:35, 6:25, 7:25, 9:15, 10:15
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
EARTH (G) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00
17 AGAIN (PG13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 12:55, 3:50
HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:45, 4:25
FAST & FURIOUS (PG13) 7:05, 9:50
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45 *3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES*

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph

VALENTINO: THE LAST EMPEROR (PG13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:35

AMC SELECT
IS ANYBODY THERE? (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50
TYSON (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20
AMERICAN VIOLET (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25
SUGAR (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40
SUNSHINE CLEANING (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
SIN NOMBRE (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 1:30, 4:20

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin

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STAR TREK (PG13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG13) [CC] 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (PG13) 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40
THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
EARTH (G) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
STAR TREK (PG13) ✓ 7:30, 10:45

NEXT DAY AIR (R) ✓ 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10
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ROAD TRIPS | Intercity bus travel has taken off in the last few years. Now a new Web site makes it easier for riders to pick their routes.

Busjunction.com works something like Expedia or Orbitz. But unlike those two popular airfare Web sites, Busjunction.com doesn't sell tickets; it steers its users to online ticketing on the bus companies' home pages. It's an aggregator of data, not a booking site.

This is a critical difference, said travel writer Arthur Frommer. That way, the company stays independent from all its bus lines and doesn't favor any bus company at the expense of customer choice, he said.

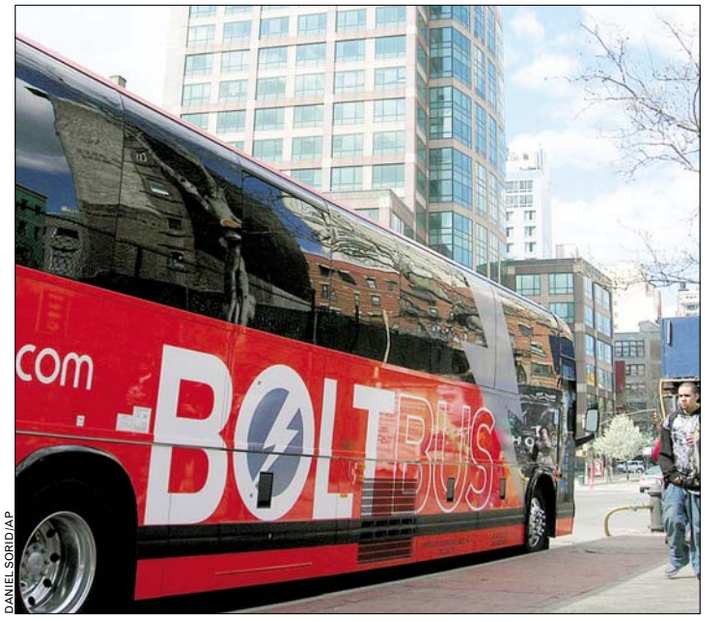
"They simply perform a journalistic function; they simply tell you what's available," Frommer said. "I find it reassuring that they have no axe to grind; they get no money out of the sale of their ticket."

Busjunction.com searches 12 premium bus lines, including Megabus, Boltbus, Vamoose, DC2NY, Fung Wah and Greyhound. Founder Matthew Keller said the D.C.-based company serves 31 cities in the East and Midwest, and will find users an average ticket price of $25. The most popular destinations are Washington, Philadelphia, New York City and Boston.

Before buying tickets, users of Busjunction.com can see which routes have amenities such as onboard Wi-Fi and power outlets. The company focuses on premium lines and steers clear of lesser-known mom-and-pop operations that might not offer reliable service, Keller said.

"We wanted to get the bus lines that offer the most amenities, so that's the ones we're focusing on," Keller said. "There are a handful of [lines] who offer no amenities. There are certain bus lines that have questionable reputations. We're trying to steer our passengers away from those lines just to serve them better."

ANNE WALLACE ALLEN (AP)



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Fares from bus companies such as Bolt Bus are aggregated on Busjunction.com.

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U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

$138 The Sizzlin' Sampler promotion includes a $300 airfare voucher per reservation, a fourth night free at participating hotels, a $50 dining coupon, $50 off one island attraction, and a coupon booklet worth $500 in savings. There are more than 20 hotels participating on the three islands. The $138-per-night rate is available at the Hotel Caravelle on St. Croix. **WHEN:** Through Oct. 31. Book by Oct. 15. **DETAILS:** Does not include hotel taxes of 8 percent, plus some additional fees. The $300 airline voucher is applied as a discount after you book the entire air-hotel package. A three-night stay is required. **CONTACT:** Visitusvi.com/package_and_promotions. Use promo code USVISS09.

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Summer Splash includes free airfare for kids on Cayman Airways, a fifth night free at participating hotels and 20 percent off car rentals. Plus, kids stay, dive and eat free at participating outlets. **$162** The starting rate of $162 is available at the Sunshine Suite Resort on Grand Cayman and includes all taxes and fees. **WHEN:** June 1–Sept. 7; book by Sept. 2. **DETAILS:** Kids are defined as 11 and younger. The free diving is for kids 12 to 17. The kids-fly-free offer is valid only on Cayman Airways. The islands' hotel tax rate is 10 percent. **CONTACT:** Caymanislands.ky/summersplash/summersplash.aspx. (BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE)

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The Secret Life of Cheese

Once you've made your own mozzarella, you'll realize it's the only whey to go

Mike Koch has always had a thing for cheese. (His motto: "The stinkier and moldier, the better.") So, when his neighbors in Garrett County, Md., had some goats left over from a 4-H project (don't ask), he and his partner, Pablo Solanet, begged for a few gallons of milk. With a kit from the New England Cheesemaking Supply Company (see box), they thought they'd try a tasty experiment.

It turned out to be a pretty good one. Less than a decade later, the result is Firefly Farms (Firefly farms.com), an award-winning line of chevres and other cheeses now sold at Whole Foods and farmers markets across the region.

While the duo had some uncommon advantages — such as a farmhouse built in 1856 with a cellar designed for cheese aging — home cheese making doesn't require all that much, explains Ed Hamann, who runs seminars on the topic as the culinary director for Sur La Table in Arlington (next class is Mon. at 6:30 p.m., $69, 1101 S. Joyce St.; 703-414-3580; Surlatable.com).

All you really need is patience, milk and some enzymes naturally found in animal stomachs. "It's gross-sounding," admits Isabel Clark, cooking instructor and founder of Forkbytes.com. "But it's how cheese was first discovered." The theory is that back in the day, tummies were used as storage vessels. People noticed the milk solidifying, and, voila, cheese. (Science has subsequently discovered how to create vegetable-based rennet, and that's what both Sur La Table and the pros at Firefly use.)

Observing the ricotta-making process at one of Hamann's recent classes, you might think you were witnessing a chemistry project. Students clustered around stockpots on burners, stirring and staring at thermometers as the milk gradually warmed up to the desired temperature. "Think we could do this at home?" Becky Dansky, 31, asked her boyfriend, Jason Sclauch, 33. He joked back, "What? Heat milk?"

LAWRENCE LUK

Students at a recent cheese-making seminar at Sur La Table in Arlington marvel at the curds they've managed to whip up.

It's a bit more complicated than that — certain cheeses require other odd ingredients (such as citric and tartaric acid, and for more advanced varieties, molds and starters), and there's technique involved in the preparation, separating the curds and whey, and draining — but it's not nearly as mysterious as it seems to the uninitiated.

Frank Morales, chef at Rustico (827 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, 703-224-5051; Rusticorestaurant.com), says students in his pizza-making classes are impressed by learning the basics of dough, sausage and sauce. But when he gets to the mozzarella part of the lesson, they flip. "They think I'm the Wizard of Oz," he says. "They think I've done the impossible."

Soft cheeses, such as mozzarella and mascarpone (draining), are easier for newbies.

There is a magic to cheese making, Clark agrees, but the reason it's so astounding is that most people have no clue where solid dairy comes from — other than the grocery store. "They're missing that connection to food, and now they want to get into cooking from scratch and returning to our roots as human beings," she says.

When they do get back there, they'll have a treat waiting for them. Just ask Hamann's student Denise Malueg, 44. But wait for her to finish that bite of her mascarpone. "Mmmm," she sighed. "Now that is fresh." VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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Got Milk? You're Off to a Solid Start

For beginners looking for a quick start, you can't beat the New England Cheesemaking Supply Company (Cheesemaking.com), founded by Ricki Carroll, "the cheese queen." The 30-minute mozzarella and ricotta kit ($24.95, above, along with an instructional DVD, $24.95) comes with basic ingredients and equipment — everything but the milk. But here's how to stock your kitchen on your own.

➜ DON'T HAVE A COW

The most critical ingredient, obviously, is milk. But you don't need to track down some fresh source of raw dairy — in fact, unpasteurized milk is illegal in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Whole milk from your local supermarket usually works just fine — just be sure to avoid "ultra-pasteurized" if you're making mozzarella.

➜ WEIRD SCIENCE

Tracking down the stuff that sounds straight out of 10th-grade chem class is trickier. Junket brand rennet tablets are at many grocery stores, but Hamann prefers the liquid form, which you can snag at Wegman's. My Local Home Brew Shop (6201 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-241-3874; Mlhbs.com) hawks citric and tartaric acid, which you'll need for mascarpone.

➜ KITCHEN AIDES

You probably already have a large stockpot, but make sure you have a dairy thermometer (meat ones usually don't go low enough) and a cheesecloth for draining. Both are available at Sur La Table locations. V.H.

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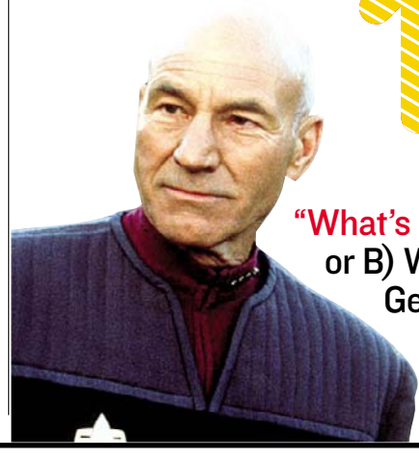

"What's dorkier: A) Collecting comic books or B) Watching 'Star Trek: The Next Generation'?"

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pleasant with plenty of sunshine	Partly cloudy	A p.m. shower or thunderstorm	Nice with times of clouds and sun	Breezy with times of clouds and sun	Not as warm with t-storms possible
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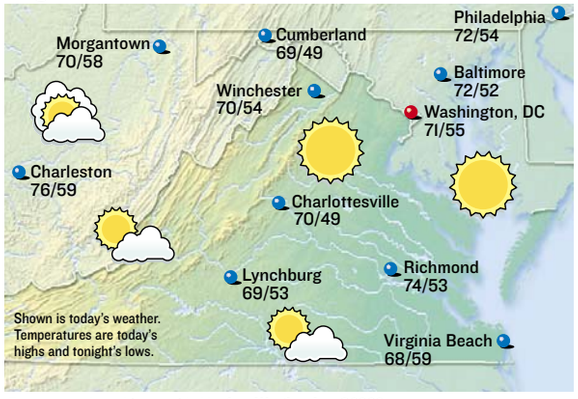

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	67°
Low	48°
Normal high	74°
Normal low	55°
Average humidity	53%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.25"
Month to date	3.53"
Normal month to date	1.41"
Year to date	12.75"
Last year to date	21.01"
Normal year to date	13.62"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 71. Wind south 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 55. Wind south-southeast 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:12 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	9:07 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
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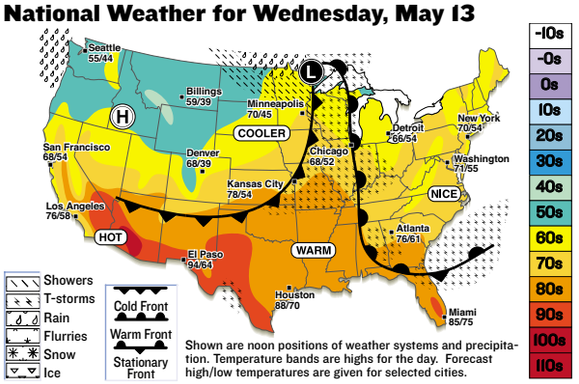

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/61/t	81/63/t
Boston	66/51/s	67/55/t
Chicago	68/52/t	67/47/s
Dallas	88/68/pc	86/68/t
Denver	68/39/pc	74/46/pc
Honolulu	85/70/s	85/72/s
Los Angeles	76/58/pc	79/60/pc
Miami	85/75/pc	85/76/s
New York City	70/54/s	68/59/t
Orlando	86/70/t	87/69/t
Seattle	55/44/r	60/47/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	61/50/pc	59/48/c
Athens	82/66/s	82/64/s
Berlin	61/39/s	63/45/pc
Buenos Aires	57/46/r	54/45/sh
Calgary	52/31/pc	48/33/r
Dublin	54/46/r	55/45/r
Geneva	75/56/t	75/59/r
Moscow	59/39/sh	52/37/c
Rome	75/56/pc	77/59/pc
Sydney	70/50/s	68/50/s
Tokyo	70/59/pc	73/57/s

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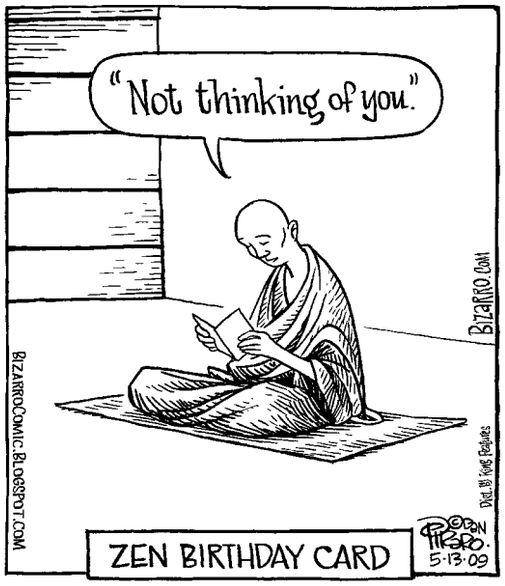

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

The kind of help men go for.

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must be ready to take your knocks, especially if you stay on course and continue to do what others say cannot be done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are likely to be torn between what you want and what you need — and they are not at all the same. A friend gives you good advice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Questions of what is right and what is wrong are sure to spring up at several points during the day. Economic needs may be confusing you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Are you sure you're sending the right signals to the right people? Take the time to reconsider what you are saying and how.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A promise is made that seems to change everything — but underneath the surface you'll see that some things never change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A quiet and uncomplicated approach is the best for you. Pay no mind to those who say things aren't the way you see them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take advantage of the opportunity granted you to get away from what you consider a stifling routine. Explore something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You must be prepared to make a few difficult decisions very soon. Consider how financial realities are affecting you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Questions asked are likely to require more than a simple yes or no answer. Weigh your thoughts carefully at all times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you say and how you say it will leave a lasting impression on others, so you mustn't be careless. You attract attention during the evening hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may not be doing things the way others have done them in the past, but you're doing them in a way that comes naturally to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You must try to put things back in the proper order as you attempt to prioritize and restructure the way you do even the simplest things.

Today in History

1607 English colonists arrive by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia. (The colonists went ashore the next day.)

1917 Three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, report seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

1918 The first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, are issued to the public with a face value of 24 cents. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside down; the "inverted Jenny" stamp instantly became a collector's item.)

1958 Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, are spat upon and their limousine is battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

AFP

Pope John Paul II collapses after being shot in St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981.

1981 Pope John Paul II is shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning editor and columnist Meg Greenfield dies in Washington at 68.

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Some indie screenwriter is drawing up a prostitute role for her this second.

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"I will show nudity in a film when the time is right," **VANESSA HUDGENS**, 20, told E! Online last weekend. "If it's an amazing movie that I'm really passionate about and that's what it calls for, then we'll see." (EXPRESS)

FINANCES

Someone Needed To Remortgage

An appeals court has cleared the way for a lender to foreclose on **VICTORIA GOTTI**'s Long Island mansion, the same home used in the "Growing Up Gotti" TV show. The daughter of John Gotti reportedly owes $650,000 on the house after failing to make all the $25,000-a-month payments. (AP)

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STOP TALKING

The 'Lovely' Made It Gross

Miss California USA can retain her crown even though she failed to reveal she had posed in her underwear as a teen, pageant owner Donald Trump said Tuesday. Trump and other pageant officials had reviewed racy photos of **CARRIE PREJEAN**. "We are in the 21st century. We have determined the pictures taken are fine," he said, adding that "in some cases, the pictures were lovely." (AP)

AGING

In England, You Get a Hottie. In the U.S., You Get Willard Scott

When Catherine Masters, 109, finally got to meet a British royal, she couldn't resist offering him a little advice. **PRINCE WILLIAM** made a surprise visit to Masters' nursing home near the Oxford on Friday, and she gave him a fashion tip for his grandmother. Like all British centenarians, Masters received a royal birthday card from the queen when she turned 100, 105 and every year thereafter. But Masters doesn't think each card should picture her royal highness in the same yellow dress. Masters told William that the queen should be pictured in a new dress. "I think either a blue one or white one would be nice," she said. (AP)

DAVID LIVINGSTON/GETTY IMAGES

One thing everyone can agree on: Kate and ostriches share a hairstylist.

SAGAS

Jon & Kate Plus Hate II

KATE GOSSELIN of "Jon & Kate Plus 8" says she isn't cheating on her husband and calls the accusations disgusting and unthinkable. Gosselin says she's the target of tabloid lies romantically linking her with a bodyguard who travels with the family. She's speaking out after recent reports that portrayed her as the victim of her husband's alleged infidelity. (AP)

PLEASE?

Next Stop on 'Autoworkers Are People, Too' Tour: D.C.?

EMINEM says he and Jimmy Kimmel will fly about 200 laid-off autoworkers to Los Angeles for Friday's taping of his appearance on Kimmel's show. The rapper says he wants to remind everyone that real people are being affected by what's going on in Detroit. (AP)

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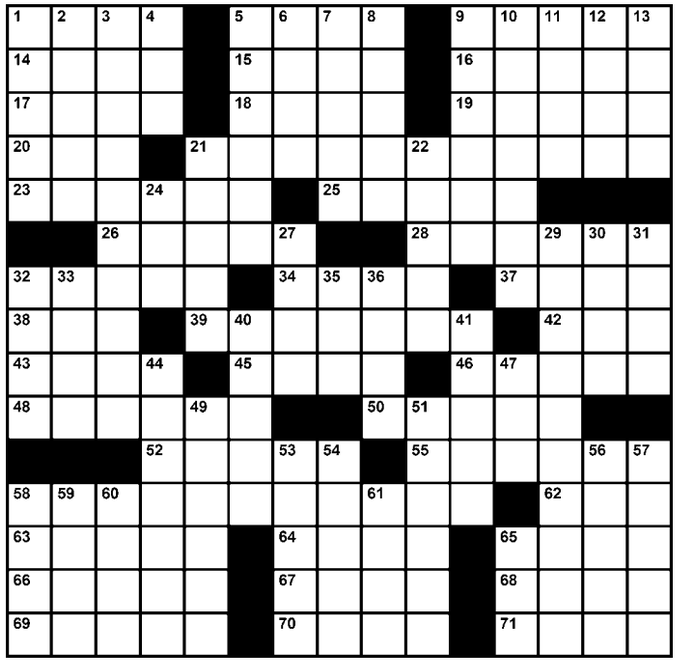

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69 Mountain nymph of Greek myth
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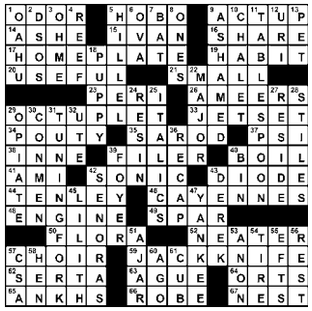
Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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8	9	3	2	7	6	1	4	5
1	2	6	5	3	4	9	8	7
7	4	5	1	8	9	6	3	2
3	5	7	9	1	2	8	6	4
6	1	4	7	5	8	3	2	9
9	8	2	6	4	3	5	7	1
4	3	1	8	2	5	7	9	6
5	6	8	4	9	7	2	1	3
2	7	9	3	6	1	4	5	8

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